

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification of the present application under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.121(b), as indicated below:

- 1) Please replace the paragraph on page 6, lines 10-14 of the specification with the following, in order to correct a clerical mistake:

--The collar ~~[[10]]~~ 22 is preferably formed about the center opening 26 of the plate 24 so that the slidable flange 10 may travel substantially freely or with limited friction between the slidable flange 10 and the conduit 6, at most to create an engagement element described below, but at most with only a slight tolerance to prevent twisting of the slidable flange 10 on the conduit.--

- 2) Please replace the paragraph on page 7, lines 19-22 of the specification with the following, for purposes of clarification:

--In this regard, the preferred embodiment of the present invention as shown and described herein employs the use of detents 20 on the slidable flange 10 which are inserted into cooperating receptacles 18 on the intumescent member 14, as best seen in FIGS. 1, 2 ~~[[and 6]]~~, 6, and 7.--